

THE RUSSELL SOCIETY NORTH WEST BRANCH

Hosts the 2017 National ASM Weekend

Friday 21st April to Sunday 23rd April 2017

The North West Branch will be hosting the Russell Society 2017 National ASM Weekend at Llandudno, North Wales.

Accommodation is at The County Hotel, Llandudno, LL30 1BD (a group booking).

The **Symposium Programme is at St George's Hotel**, Llandudno, LL30 2LG.

The Symposium theme is "M⁵ at the Lodge' as we look at 'Minerals, Mines, Memorabilia, Macro 3D and Microphotography'.

There will be displays and illustrated talks on these subjects along with visits to sites and sights in the area. If you have interesting minerals from the North Wales area, please bring them for display.

Friday Visits and Field Trips

A selection of visits to mines, show mines, museums and institutions:

- Great Orme Copper Mine Visit 11am-group rate 10 people pre paid is £5.75 or £6.75 for individuals.
- Sygun Copper Mine Underground Adventure 11am- 20% discount if 10+ off Adult fee £9 & Seniors fee £8.
- Visit to the museum of the Bangor University 11am to view their collection.
- Dolyhir Quarry. Meet Car Park [SO 245 580] at 10am
- Cavendish Mill. Meet [SK 205 753] at 10am
- Dyserth Quarry SSSI. Meet [SJ 061 791] at 11am

Friday Evening at St George's Hotel, and later at The County Hotel

There is a small car-park at St George's Hotel (£5) and roadside parking (free 4pm to 10am and £3 for 10am to 4pm).

17:45-18:15 '3D Macro Photography' by John Chapman

18:15-18:45 'Solving a mystery regarding the early history of witherite' by Tom Cotterell

Prom walk 16 minutes (or 3-minute drive) to The County Hotel

19:15 Three-course meal at The County Hotel (drinks extra)

Saturday Symposium: 'M⁵ at St George's Hotel' There is a car-park and roadside parking £3 for those who drive.

There is a fee of £26 payable by all attendees at the Symposium. This fee includes coffees and teas, finger buffet lunch on Saturday and the AGM weekend information booklet.

- 9:15-9:30 Registration and Welcome
- 9:30-10:15 'Durham ASM to Wales ASM' link looking at Pyromorphite by Charles Lamb
- 10:15-10:45 Morning coffee and biscuits
- 10:45-11:30 'Synthetic and Natural Occurrences of Linarite and Pyromorphite in Wales' by Stephen Plant
- 11:30-12:15 'Britannia Mine' by Tim Coleman
- 12:15-13:15 Lunch- buffet lunch
- 13:15-14:00 'Mining Memorabilia' by Philip Taylor
- 14:00-16:30 Mineral Photography Workshop led by Roy Starkey & Frank Ince.
- 15:00-15:30 Tea and biscuits served during the workshop
- 16:30-18:00 Russell Society AGM. There is no fee for AGM attendance only.

Tables around the room for displays and swaps.

Prom walk 16 minutes (or 3-minute drive) to The County Hotel

19:00 Russell Society Annual Dinner at The County Hotel.

A pay bar will be open for the purchase of wines and other drinks. The dinner will be followed by the Presentation of the Trevor Bridges Award (all are encouraged to bring an entry for this competition), and then the Auction of mineral specimens and mineralogical ephemera in aid of Society funds. Donations for the auction will be gratefully accepted.

Sunday Visits and Field Trips

A number of visits to mines, museums and institutions is arranged:

- Great Orme Copper Mine Visit. 11am - group rate for 10 people pre paid is £5.75 or £6.75 for individuals.
- Sygun Copper Mine Underground Adventure. 11am - 20% discount 10+ off Adult fee £9 & Seniors fee £8.
- Visit to the museum of the Bangor University. 11am to view their collection
- Benallt Mine SSSI. Meet [SH 222 279] at 11am
- Frongoch Mine SSSI. Meet [SN 719 742] at 11am
- Mynodd Nodol SSSI. Meet [SH 861 384] at 10:30am

Activities for partners include castles, tramways, mountain and lake railways, zip world, bounce world, woollen mills, gardens, garden centres, electric mountains, craft centres, waterfalls, slate works, hiking trails.

The North West Branch look forward to seeing you on Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd April 2017 at The County Hotel, Llandudno and at St George's Hotel, Llandudno.